CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Community Development Director Ng gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino convened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmember Boysen, Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Moats, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Human Resources and Records Anderson, Fire Chief Champion, Chief of Police Hansen, Director of Finance Harvey, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Director of Community Development Ng, Principal Civil Engineer Olds, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Community Programs Manager Rojo, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Director of Utilities Springer, Assistant City Manager Wiemiller, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz

1 PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Councilmember Boysen presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of November 17, 2018, as "Fill the Boot for MDA Day" encouraging all residents and businesses to support the efforts of the local Firefighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Firefighter Nick LaMonica accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Thomas Ponto spoke about the homeless problem. He commented that they were sleeping, eating, and leaving trash on the City's sidewalks. He indicated potential renters were not willing to walk through his building because of squatters, trash, belongings, drug paraphernalia, and feces on the sidewalks around the Library.

Alice Dolida expressed concern about children's health and what was being taught in the City's schools. She suggested that Care Net was a better alternative for their education instead of Planned Parenthood.

Sara Macdonald spoke that she was representing League of Women Voters and would be observing the meeting.

Gary Hall, representing North Santa Barbara County Manufactured Home Team, spoke about manufactured homes and recommended enforceable manufactured home rent stabilization rules be established by the City of Santa Maria, particularly since many manufactured home renters are elderly and cannot afford increases to their space rent.

Mayor Patino asked that City Manager Stilwell contact Mr. Hall and add the item to a future Council meeting agenda. She also asked that Police Chief Hansen contact Mr. Ponto look into Mr. Ponto's concerns.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz announced that there was a clerical correction on the agenda for Item 3D, Voluntary Time-off (VTO) Program. The program was to continue through December 31, 2019, not December 31, 2018, as indicated on the agenda.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3H were approved, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2018-121, 2018-122, and 2018-123.
Moved by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried unanimously. 5-0.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Waived full readings.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of October 16, 2018.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving the updated City of Santa Maria Salary Schematic.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-121.

D. Adopt a Resolution declaring a period of economic hardship in the City of Santa Maria, and authorizing the City Manager to continue the Voluntary Time-off (VTO) Program through December 31, 2019.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-122.

E. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2018-10 amending Chapter 32 of Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code regarding residential parking in front yards and residential tandem parking.

Action: Second reading was given. Ordinance No. 2018-10 was adopted.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving an Addendum to the 2010 Santa Maria Integrated Waste Management Facility Project Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2006091069) for the Santa Maria Los Flores Integrated Waste Management Facility Direct Haul Project.

Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-123.

G. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.

H. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK (CDBG) GRANTS 2019 - 20 CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSALS.** Councilmember Boysen indicated that he would not be participating in the item, due to a conflict of interest as his previous employer, Good Samaritan Shelter, had submitted one of the applications under consideration, and left the Council Chambers at 5:55 p.m.

The City Council reviewed and considered the prioritization of the Capital project requests for Fiscal Year 2019 - 20 Community Development Block Grant Funding. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Staff anticipates having $1.1 million available for Capital funding. They received nine (9) proposals totaling over $1.7 million. One of those applications was from the City's Recreation & Parks Department which asked for funding to reconstruct the aquatic center at a value of $650,000. On average, City Capital projects have received 55 percent of the overall funding each year since 2012.

Funding requests received were: 1) City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Paul Nelson Aquatic Center Reconstruction - $650,000; 2) Family Service Agency Building Rehabilitation - $533,599; 3) Good Samaritan Shelter Tree Removal/Modular Installation - $174,066; 4) The Salvation Army Solar Panel Installation - $105,000; 5) CAPSLO Minor Home Repair - $85,000; 6) Vocational Training Center Parking Lot Construction - $80,000; 7) Community Action Commission Minor Home Repair - $50,000; 8) Grid Alternatives Solar Housing Program - $40,000; and 9) Central Coast Headway Residential Rehabilitation for Veterans - $30,000.

Public Input
There was no written correspondence and or requests to speak.

Council comments
There was general consensus of the Council that they did not think the City should be funding solar energy projects nor use the funding for operational expenses.

Mayor Patino gave her priority list: 1) Paul Nelson Aquatic Center Reconstruction; 2) Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family's Building Rehabilitation project; and 3) one other group from the list to be agreed upon with the Council.

Councilmember Moats gave his priority list: 1) Paul Nelson Aquatic Center Reconstruction; 2) Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family's Building Rehabilitation project; and 3) Central Coast Headway.

Councilmember Waterfield gave her priority list: 1) Paul Nelson Aquatic Center Reconstruction; 2) Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family's Building Rehabilitation project; 3) Central Coast Headway; and 4) Good Samaritan Shelter tree removal and modular installation.

Councilmember Cordero gave his priority list: 1) Paul Nelson Aquatic Center Reconstruction; 2) Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family's Building Rehabilitation project; 3) Good Samaritan Shelter tree removal and modular installation; 4) Central Coast Headway; 5) Community Action Commission minor home repair program; and 6) VTC parking lot reconstruction.

City Manager Stilwell indicated that staff would pass these priorities to the Block Grants Advisory Committee for consideration. There would be an evaluation of the VTC project with regard to lighting and possible solar use in the VTC parking lot project, and determination of whether to use CDBG funds for operating expenditures supplanting its business plan.

Action: There was a consensus of the City Council present to recommend that the Block Grants Advisory Committee, participating applicants, and staff give priority of the FY 2019-20 funding to the following projects: 1) City of Santa Maria for the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center reconstruction, 2) Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family's building rehabilitation project; 3) Central Coast Headway for residential rehabilitation for veterans, and 4) Good Samaritan Shelter for tree removal and modular installation.

B. **1st QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.** Councilmember Boysen returned to the Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m.

The City Council received the financial report for the first quarter of 2018-19, and considered amendments to the 2018-19 Budget. Director of Finance Harvey gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

The financial report primarily reviewed the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. The beginning fund balance of $10,071,000 was the un-audited balance as of July 1, 2018. Concerning City revenues, through the first quarter of the year, sales tax receipts were just over $400,000 or 7.2 percent greater than the first quarter last fiscal year. The primary reason for the increase was the opening of businesses at Enos Ranch which contributed to an increase in sales in the general consumer goods, as well as the restaurants and hotels industry groups. The City anticipated the increase and included those higher revenue projections in 2018-19 budget. First quarter sales tax revenues were on track at 25.7 percent of the annual estimate.

Non-hazardous Impacted Soils (NHIS) revenue was at 70 percent of budget, just over $280,000, with an annual budget of $400,000. NHIS revenues were up $80,000 from the first quarter last year. The majority of NHIS material received during the first quarter of 2018-19 came from Chevron's San Luis Obispo Tank Farm Project. The City expected to receive NHIS material from a few Vandenberg Air Force Base projects in the second quarter. Chevron's San Luis Obispo Tank Farm project would continue through November 2018. However, NHIS project activities were uncertain for the second half of 2018-19. Based on expected project activity, staff anticipated NHIS revenues to be approximately $800,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Permit revenue was $574,000 or 22 percent of budget, and was a 29 percent decrease compared to the amount received during the same period last year. The year-over-year decrease was due to numerous permits processed in 2017-18 for the Enos Ranch development.

General Fund expenditures were approximately 23 percent of budget, and included $1.3 million in salary savings. Staff was confident that with existing vacancies, the City was on course to realize S3 million in salary savings to help address the budget deficit. However, expenditures were still projected to exceed revenue estimates by about $5.6 million.

Concerning Measure U, revenues through the first quarter were slightly under budget at 23.9 percent or $1,190,000. Expenditures were at 22 percent or approximately $1,165,000. Through September, roughly 92 percent of all expenditures were public safety-related with 37 percent spent on fire operations and 55 percent spent on police operations.

Water and Wastewater Fund expenditures exceeded revenues by $4.5 million. Expenditures included the semi-annual debt service payment of $746,000 for the interest on the 2012 refunding bonds. The remaining principal and interest payment of $3.9 million will occur in the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year.

For the Solid Waste Fund, revenues exceeded expenditures by about $1.3 million or 3.5 percent more than the first three months of the prior year.

The Transit Fund first quarter revenues were less than expenditures by $68,000 primarily due to a lag in grant reimbursements. Fare revenues for the quarter were just over $191,000 and the fare box ratio was 21 percent.

In response to Councilmember Moats' question, Director of Finance Harvey responded that the current LEAF balance was $6.3 million and the Economic Stabilization Reserves balance was $19.6 million.

Public Input
There were no written communications or requests to speak.

Council comments
There were no additional Council comments.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving amendments to the 2018-19 budget and authorizing the City Manager to implement same. Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-124.
Moved by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried unanimously. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell announced there were two public meetings scheduled to be held regarding fireworks in the City. The first meeting would be held on November 13, at 6:00 p.m., at the Minami Center. The second meeting would be held on December 6, at 6:00 p.m., at the Mussell Senior Center. The next H-2A Housing Workshop would be held on November 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Minami Center, after which an Ordinance will be drafted for the Planning Commission and Council's consideration. Mr. Stilwell went on to report that the next regular City Council Meeting would be held on November 20, 2018. Items on the agenda would include the presentation of the GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Staff Award; two public hearings for General Plan Land Use Amendments and Zone Changes (Cox Bungalows and the Carpenters Union); and an Energy Efficiency item that would help the City save money over the next few years.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Boysen reported he attended the monthly Central Coast Water Authority Meeting.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the recent State of the City event; the Celebration of Life event for Bailey Hudson; a D2AC Meeting; a meeting with a constituent; a CALM Luncheon; the Dias de Los Muertos Celebration; the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon; the H-2A Community Forum; and a Rotary dinner.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended the recent H-2A Community Forum.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a United Way meeting; the Black & White Ball at the Elks Lodge; a CAC Planning meeting; the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon; and the H-2A Community Forum. He also mentioned former City employees, Diane Mitchell and Jesse Santillan, had passed away.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the State of the City event; the SBCAG Monthly Board Meeting; an APCD Board of Directors Meeting; the Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down; a D2AC Meeting; the Foster Youth Summit at AHC; three Rotary meetings; a meeting with a constituent; the Dias de Los Muertos Celebration; the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon; an H-2A Community Forum; a FBSMV Board Meeting; and the SBCAG monthly agenda review meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. in memory of Oliver Bailey Hudson.

Approved at a regular meeting on November 20, 2018.

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Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

Attest:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria